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## هيب هوب

تحت رعاية القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس

يعلن مركز دار الفنون والتراث بنابلس عن إقامة أول

معسكر هيب هوب (بريك دانس) بتاريخ فلسطين

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للمعسكر بالساعة الخامسة من يوم

السبت الموافق 2012\3\24

في مسرح سمو الأمير تركي بن عبد

العزيز بجامعة النجاح الوطنية بنابلس



مركز دار الفنون والتراث



Consulate General of the United States of America

The U.S. Consulate is pleased to present American hip hop dance company, Rennie Harris Puremovement (RHPM), for a joint performance with young Palestinian hip hop dancers on Saturday March 24th at 5:00 pm in Nablus. RHPM will perform with participants of the Dar al Fanoon Dance Camp at An Najah National University's Turki Bin Sultan Theater in Nablus. All events are free and open to the public.

Check out the performance of Rennie Harris' Puremovement at Ramallah's Al Kasabe Theater: [WAFA News Agency's Photo Album](#).

Also see a [Wattan TV report](#) from the event.



## America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following upcoming programs in Jerusalem

### Focus on the U.S. Presidential Election System:



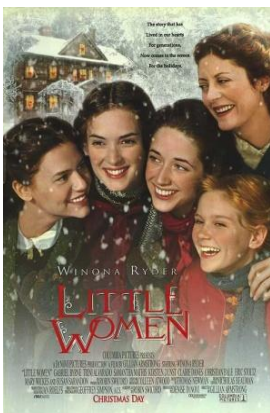
Lecture on Religion and Elections: A Historical and Contemporary View  
with Fulbright Distinguished Teacher, Mr. Terence Gilheany

**March 27, 2012, 5:00 PM**

### Women's History Month Film Screening: *Little Women*

*in honor of Women's History Month*

**Wednesday, March 28, 5:00 PM**



In *Little Women*, the women of the March family - Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy and their mother Marmee - are left at home to take care of themselves while their father is away doing religious work during the American Civil War. The March women do not have much money — but they have each other. As the film progresses, we see how the four young women of the March family grow up and become strong and self-sufficient. During the happy times and the sad times, they rely on each other for support. *Little Women* is based on a story by Louisa May Alcott, a famous American novelist. The story is based on her experiences growing up during the Civil War.

To be added to America House's mailing list, please e-mail [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov)

*America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*

## American Astronaut Marsha Ivins Inspires Audiences in West Bank and Jerusalem

On March 18, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Astronaut Marsha Ivins for a March 18-20 visit to the West Bank and Jerusalem, during which she shared personal photos taken from space and discussed her experiences with audiences of students, academics, scientists, and others interested in learning about space travel. Ms. Ivins, one of few female astronauts worldwide, visited the region as a part of the Consulate General's March celebration of Women's History Month. On March 19, Ms. Ivins served as the keynote speaker at a ceremony celebrating women in science. The event, part of a year-long program with the U.S. Consulate General and An Najah University entitled "Promoting Women in Science," brought together an audience of 150 female faculty and administrators from Palestinian universities, representatives from the Ministries of Education and Women's Affairs, and young women interested in careers in science. Dr. Ansam Sawalha of An Najah University and Yael Lempert, Acting Principal Officer of the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, presented awards to distinguished Palestinian scientists: Dr. Ghadeer Omar of An Najah University, who was nominated by the U.S. Department of State for the "Women in Science Hall of Fame," Dr. Maather Sawalha and Dr. Ruba Abu Amsaha for their achievements in the field of science. Ms. Ivins inspired the audience with highlights from her own career path. Speaking at the event, Ms. Lempert said, "We are working together to find new ways to support Palestinian women who have chosen to work in scientific fields, to celebrate their accomplishments, and to inspire a younger generation of girls to go into science."



See Also:

[Video: Private Space Flight in America](#)

[NASA's "Earth-Now" App: The World, Unplugged](#)

[NASA Releases New Catalog of Entire Infrared Sky](#)

[U.S.-German Space Mission Boosts Knowledge of Gravity](#)

[بعثة فضائية أميركية-ألمانية تُعزّز المعرفة  
بالجاذبية](#)

[ناسا تُجَدِّد الرحلات الجوية فوق القطب الشمالي  
لدراسة الجليد القطبي](#)

## رائدة الفضاء الأمريكية مارشا إيفنز تلهم الجمهور للوصول للنجوم

بتاريخ 18 آذار، استضافت القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس رائدة الفضاء من ناسا مارشا إيفنز في زيارة استمرت من 18-20 آذار الضفة الغربية والقدس حيث شاركت خلال هذه الزيارة بمجموعة صور أخذتها شخصيا من الفضاء وناقشت خبراتها مع طلاب و أكاديميين وعلماء وغيرهم من المهتمين بالتعلم عن السفر للفضاء. وتأتي زيارة السيدة إيفنز وهي واحدة من رائدات الفضاء القلائل حول العالم، ضمن فعاليات القنصلية الأمريكية لإحياء شهر تايخ المرأة في شهر آذار. تقاعدت إيفنز من وكالة ناسا الفضائية في عام 2011 بعد أن أكملت عدة رحلات للفضاء خلال 37 عاما من عملها في الوكالة في الأعوام 1990، 1992، 1994، 1997، 2001. خلال زيارتها للقدس والضفة الغربية، أعطت محاضرة بعنوان " قصة سفر الإنسان للفضاء" وذلك في جامعة النجاح الوطنية وجامعة القدس ومدرسة راهبات الوردية. كما قامت بزيارة لمؤسسة النيزك حيث التقت مع بعض المشاركين في معرض العلوم والتكنولوجيا الفلسطيني ومن ثم فقد استضافها منتدى سيدات الأعمال لإعطاء محاضرة لطالبات المدارس الثانوية والخريجات الجدد.

في 19 آذار، كانت إيفنز المتحدثة الأساسية في حفل اقيم لتكريم " نساء في العلوم" وقد كان هذا الحفل الذي جاء ضمن برنامج تعاون لمدة عام بين القنصلية الأمريكية العامة وجامعة النجاح الوطنية لتشجيع النساء في مجال العلوم. حيث شاركت أكثر من 150 عضوة هيئة تدريسية وإداريات من الجامعات الفلسطينية وممثلين عن وزارتي التربية والتعليم وشؤون المرأة والشباب المهتمات بالعلوم بالحفل. هذا وقد سلمت كل من الدكتورة انسام صوالحة من جامعة النجاح والسيدة بائيل ليمبيرت نائبة القنصل الأمريكي العام جائزة النساء في العلوم لعالمات فلسطينيات متميزات وهن الدكتورة غدير عمر من جامعة النجاح، الدكتورة مائر صوالحة والدكتورة ربا ابو عمشى تقديرا لإنجازاتهن في مجال العلوم. وقد ألهمت إيفنز الحضور بملخص عن مشوار حياتها المهنية والتي أخذتها للاحدود للفضاء. وفي حديثها في الحفل قالت السيدة ليمبيرت، " نحن نعمل معا لنجد طرق لدعم النساء اللواتي اخترن العمل في مجالات العلوم ولنحتفي بإنجازاتهن ولنلهم الجيل الأصغر من الإناث للإتجاه إلى العلوم

## See our Latest Videos on Youtube

### [Antigone Rising Rocks Out in Jerusalem and the West Bank](#)



As a kick-off to its commemoration of Women's History Month in March, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted all-female American rock band, *Antigone Rising*, for a cultural exchange program that included live performances and outreach events in the West Bank and Jerusalem, from February 25 -27, 2012. Click the [link](#) and see the video wrap up.

### [Video Message by U.S. Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, Judith Heumann](#)



U.S. Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, Judith Heumann, an internationally-recognized leader in the disability community and a lifelong civil rights advocate, visited Jerusalem and the West Bank March 14-15, 2012. Ms. Heumann met with Palestinian human rights and disability rights leaders, education and government officials, members of the donor community, and visited a USAID-funded rehabilitation center. Her visit highlights the United States' commitment to advancing issues that affect people with disabilities. Ms. Heumann shared American experiences in achieving disability rights, and learned about Palestinian efforts to secure the inclusion of its disabled population in education, the economy, civil society, and government. Ms Heumann gave this video message to our fans on Youtube and Facebook.



## **Secretary Clinton's Remarks on World Water Day**



"We are all here because we know ensuring that everyone has the clean water they need to live and thrive has to be a high priority for all of us. When I spoke on World Water Day two years ago, I talked about how water is clearly integral to many of our foreign policy goals. When nearly 2 million people die each year from preventable waterborne disease, clean water is critical if we're going to be talking about achieving our global health goals. Something as simple as better access to water and sanitation can improve the quality of life and reduce the disease burden for billions of people." See [video](#) of the Secretary's Speech.

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## **State Department Fact Sheet on U.S. Water Partnership**

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a new U.S. Water Partnership (USWP) in Washington D.C. on Thursday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. The USWP is a public-private partnership formed to share U.S. knowledge, leverage and mobilize resources, and facilitate cross-sector partnerships to find solutions to global water accessibility challenges, especially in the developing world. The USWP was inspired by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's 2010 World Water Day speech in which she pledged to bring American diplomatic, scientific, private sector, and development stakeholders together to address global water challenges. She said: "By focusing on our strengths and leveraging our efforts against the work of others, we can deliver results that are greater than the sum of the parts..... Regardless of whether we're working on watershed management, efficiency, production, or sanitation, we need to look at this challenge holistically".

See the video [US Water Partnership](#) in which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, discusses the importance of water issues to the world

### **See Also:**

[Clinton Boosts U.S. Commitment to World Water Challenges](#)

[Clean Water Is Key Step to Prosperity](#)

[Helping Women with Water](#)

[المياه النظيفة خطوة أساسية لتحقيق الازدهار](#)

[الشراكة الأميركية للمياه](#)

## Clinton: Supporting Women's Entrepreneurship

“The big challenge we face in these early years of the 21st century, is how to grow our economies and ensure shared prosperity to all nations and all people. To achieve the economic expansion that we all seek, we need to unlock a vital source of growth that can power our economies in the decades to come. And that vital source is women. Millions of women are still sidelined, or they are confronted with a glass ceiling that keeps them from the most senior positions. We will adopt a declaration to improving women's access to capital and markets and to supporting the rise of women leaders in both the public and private sectors. There is no doubt that the increasing numbers of women in the economy has helped fueled significant growth everywhere. If we really want to achieve parity for women in the work force, we must begin with sound economic policies that explicitly address the unique challenges that limit women.”



Studies have found direct relationships between girls who have played sports with their academic success & self-esteem. A report from the Women's Sports Foundation says that 80% of female executives at Fortune 500 companies were athletes.

### **See Also:**

[Women Should Reach Out to Women, Reporter Says](#)

[بيان حقائقي: مؤسسة تحدي الألفية حول المساواة بين الرجل والمرأة](#)

[Amelia Earhart Still Intrigues, Inspires](#)

[أميليا إيرهارت- أسطورة في الطيران الأميركي](#)

[Earhart Broke Social and Aviation Barriers, Clinton Says](#)

[كلينتون: إيرهارت كسرت الحواجز الاجتماعية أمام احتراف المرأة الطيران](#)

## **Upcoming Web chat on this Topic**

### Women and Entrepreneurship

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012** 07:00pm until 08:00pm (local time)

Do you know how to build and sustain a network of women business-owners? Would you like to learn best practices for networking, and how mentoring can help your business grow? Join an online discussion with Dr. Sharon Freeman, President and CEO of the All American Small Business Exporters Association, and Amy Millman of Springboard Enterprises, to ask questions and chat with your peers across the Atlantic! Greta Schettler of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Women's Issues will moderate the program.

This will be a video webchat in English. Please click on the URL above to participate.

### [Coca-Cola Scholarship Program](#)

**Deadline Today!**

The Coca-Cola Company and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem are partnering to sponsor scholarships for ten Palestinian university students to participate in the Global Business Institute at the University of Indiana. This exciting new exchange opportunity is open to Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.



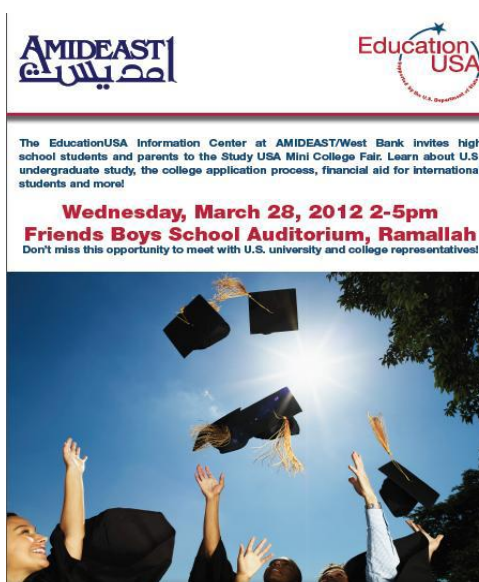
This project is part of the Coca-Cola's support of Partners for a New Beginning (PNB), an alliance of public-private partnerships committed to deepening engagement between the United States and local communities on issues of education, exchange, economic opportunity, and science and technology, to advance the vision President Obama outlined in his 2009 "New Beginning" Cairo speech. The deadline for applications is **Today! March 23, 2012**. For more information visit their website or Facebook page: <http://connectads.com/cokescholarship/website/> <https://apps.facebook.com/cokescholarship>

This program is open to Palestinians in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip. Deadline is **today**, March 23, 2012

The EducationUSA Information Center at AMIDEAST/West Bank invites high school students and parents to the Study USA Mini College Fair. Learn about U.S. undergraduate study, the college application process, financial aid for international students and more!

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012 2-5pm** - Friends Boys School Auditorium, Ramallah

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with U.S. university and college representatives!



### **Upcoming Web Chat on Education**

#### [Study in the USA: University of Maine](#)

**Thursday, March 29, 2012 02:00 pm until 03:00 pm** (local time)

Learn about how you can study abroad at the University of Maine as an international student. The Director of the Office of International Programs, Karen Boucias, will give a presentation and then answer your questions.

This will be a video webchat in English. Please click on the URL above and Enter as a Guest to participate.

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## International and Regional News

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[White House on School Attack in Toulouse, France](#)

[بيان البيت الأبيض حول الاعتداء على مدرسة في مدينة تولوز بفرنسا](#)

[President Obama on Passing of Pope Shenouda III](#)

[بيان للرئيس أوباما حول وفاة البابا شنودة الثالث](#)

[Secretary Clinton on Passing of Pope Shenouda III](#)

[بيان لوزيرة الخارجية كلينتون حول وفاة البابا شنودة الثالث](#)

[U.S. Giving \\$12 Million in Aid to Assad's Victims](#)

[دبلوماسيون شباب يناقشون مستقبل مصر وسوريا](#)

[Young Diplomats Discuss Future of Egypt, Syria](#)

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[Making Case for Investing in Tunisia](#)

[فوائد الاستثمار في تونس](#)

[U.S. Envoy Rice on Anniversary of U.N. Libya Resolution](#)

[هدف الوكالة الأميركية للتنمية الدولية: بناء القدرات وليس التبعية](#)

[White House Adviser on New Partnership with Iraq](#)

[تعاون أميركي-إسلامي في مضمار تقديم المساعدة الإنسانية](#)

[Ambassador DiCarlo at U.N. Security Council Briefing on Iran](#)

[نص كلمة السفير ديكارلو في مجلس الأمن الدولي خلال المداولات حول أفغانستان](#)

[U.S. Helps Immigrants Fight Fraud Schemes](#)

[السفيرة رايس في جلسة استماع لمجلس النواب حول ميزانية الأمم المتحدة](#)

[USAID, Islamic Conference to Cooperate on Humanitarian Aid](#)

[مسؤول في وزارة التجارة يتحدث عن العلاقات الاقتصادية الأميركية – التركية](#)